Demands for share of remittance sent by NRIs

2480. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made that the Central Government should earmark a part of remittances made by Kerala born NRIs in Gulf and other countries for State's infrastructure development;

(b) if so, what is Central Government's response in this regard,

(c) whether such demands by NRIs from other States also have been made, and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR DASARI NARAYANA RAO) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise

NRI investments in Karnataka

2481. SHRI K B KRISHNA MURTHY Will the Minister of NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the extent of NRI investments in Karnataka during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up Economic Zones for NRIs in Karnataka to encourage NRI investments, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage NRI Investments in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) NRI investment proposals approved for Karnataka by Foreign Investment Promotion Board and Reserve Bank of India during 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as follows

Year	No of Proposals	Amount (Rs. Crore)
2002-03	284	447.34
2003-04	290	2283 83